[Mr. K. R. Elenkath].

(*a*) maintenance of roads;
(*b*) maintenance of tanks;
(*c*) construction of new roads; and
(*d*) digging of new tanks?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*):

	In 1108.	First Ten Months of 1109.
(*a*)	Rs. 37,595	Rs. 28,199.
(*b*)	Rs. 432	Rs. 67.
(*c*)	Rs. 752	Rs. 296.
(*d*)	Nil.	Nil.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member whether Government or the Chief Engineer has received representations from the people as to the need for more tanks and for better maintenance of existing tanks?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I have no information at present.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know from the member whether, in the figures given in answer to part (*a*), the amounts given include the expenses of all the roads or only the trunk roads?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): All the roads maintained in the taluk.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know the percentage of the total amount spent for the trunk roads and for the branch roads?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I must claim notice because there is nothing to indicate that in the question.

Koran Teachers.

131. ***MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received representations, through the S. M. P. Assembly, for making the posts of Koran teachers pensionable; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken by them on the same?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether representations have been received with regard to the enhancement of the pay of the Koran teachers to make it on a par with the pay of teachers in the departmental schools?

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MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Representations were received to increase the pay of the Koran teachers and as far as the departmental Koran teachers are concerned to make them pensionable. But I do not know whether representations have been made to make them equal to the pay of other teachers.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether the question of enhancement of their pay has been considered by the Government?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Recommendations have been made to Government and Government are considering them.

Office of the Assistant Inspector of Schools, District III.

132. ✻**MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received representations from the public of Vilavankod taluk praying that the office of the Assistant Inspector of Vernacular Schools, District III, at Kuzhittura, may not be shifted to Martandam;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they have taken any action on the same; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that the proposed shifting of the above office is inconvenient to the public as well as to the department concerned?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The office has not been shifted to Martandam.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

Public Health Department.

133. ✻**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many officers are employed now in the Public Health Department as officers specially qualified for the department;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Government intend newly appointing a special officer as the Head of the Department; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, whether the new officer is to be appointed from outside?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The question is not clear. If the member refers to officers having special qualifications obtained in Europe or America, then the number of such officers is four.

(*b*) and (*c*) The matter is under consideration.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether the claims of those four officers mentioned just now would be considered when the Head of the Department is newly appointed?

PRESIDENT: It is asking for opinion.

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